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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

U.S. NEWS MAGAZINE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT HAS PASSED TO US
SOME NOTES OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY FROM ISRAELI GOVERNMENT
SOURCE ON SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FOLLOWING IS
GIST OF INFORMATION:

A. FINANCING OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES FALLS PRIMARILY
UNDER FOLLOWING MINISTRIES - AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, AND
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

AGRICULTURE - SETTLEMENTS BUDGET OF AGRICULTURAL
MINISTRY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS 126 MILLION IL IN 1975,
164 MILLION IL IN 1976 AND 240 MILLION IL BUDGETED FOR 1977.
SIXTY PERCENT OF 1977 BUDGET DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING EXPORT
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PRODUCTS ESPECIALLY IN JORDAN VALLEY. IN 1976, GROSS
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF SETTLEMENTS WAS ESTIMATED AT
290 MILLION IL OF WHICH ABOUT 100 MILLION IL WERE EXPORTED.
IN 1977, PRODUCTION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 45 MILLION IL
ABOUT HALF OF WHICH WILL BE EXPORTED. JORDAN VALLEY AND SINAI/
RAFAH PRODUCTS ARE MOSTLY EXPORTED WHILE GOLAN PRODUCTS
ARE USED LOCALLY.

HOUSING - PROJECTED SPENDING FOR 1977 ON HOUSING TOTALS
222 MILLION IL BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: (A) YAMIT - 88
MILLION IL FOR 200 UNITS; (B) MAALE EPHRAIM - 25 MILLION IL
FOR 75 UNITS; (C) KATZRIN - 59 MILLION IL FOR 100 UNITS;
(D) GOLAN HEIGHTS - 50 MILLION IL FOR 140 UNITS.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY - THERE ARE PRESENTLY 75 FACTORIES
OR WORKSHOPS OWNED BY ISRAELIS IN SETTLEMENTS EMPLOYING
1,200 WORKERS. AN ADDITIONAL 10-15 SHOPS PLANNED IN 1977.

B. GENERAL POPULATION FIGURES FOR ALL SETTLEMENTS WAS 4,158
IN 1974 AND UP TO 6,569 IN 1976 OF WHICH GOLAN WENT FROM
2,072 TO 3,192; JORDAN VALLEY FROM 1,493 TO 1,501; AND
SINAI AND RAFIAH FROM 593 TO 1,876.

C. ACCORDING TO JEWISH AGENCY FIGURES, SOURCE SAID THAT
THERE WERE 76 SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AS OF
END OF APRIL, 1977.
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